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**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE  
ON  
TAX POLICY**

Wednesday, May 15, 2015                      10:30 a.m.                      Room 521, House Office Building

The House Committee on Tax Policy was called to order by the Chairman, Representative Jeff Farrington.

Members present: Representatives Farrington, Maturen, Somerville, Yonker, Howrylak, Chatfield, Glenn, Iden, Webber, Townsend, Clemente, LaVoy, and Byrd.

Members absent/excused: None.

Representative Maturen moved to adopt the minutes from the Wednesday, May 6, meeting.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid before the committee HB 4553, HB 4554, HB 4555, HB 4556, HB 4557, and HB 4558:

HB 4553	(Maturen)	Property tax; exemptions; general property tax act; modify filing deadlines, exemptions, and requirements.
HB 4554	(Maturen)	Property tax; special assessments; state essential services assessment; modify certain definitions, dates, and filing requirements and provide for other general amendments.
HB 4555	(Yonker)	Property tax; special assessments; alternative state essential services assessment; modify certain definitions, dates, and filing requirements and provide for other general amendments.
HB 4556	(Yonker)	Local government; other; distribution of local community stabilization authority act share revenues; modify.
HB 4557	(Townsend)	Economic development; plant rehabilitation; plant rehabilitation act; modify certain exemptions.
HB 4558	(Townsend)	Use tax; rate; local community stabilization share tax; increase, modify the state share tax, and provide for other general amendments.

Howard Ryan, and Howard Heideman, representing the Michigan Department of Treasury, spoke to the substitutes and amendments for HB 4553, HB 4554, and HB 4555.

Allie Bush, representing the Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce, submitted a testimony card in support of HB 4553 - HB 4558, but did not wish to speak.

Mike Johnston, representing the Michigan Manufacturers Association, submitted a testimony card in support of HB 4553 - HB 4558, but did not wish to speak.

Representative Maturen moved to adopt the substitute (H-1) to HB 4553.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 13-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Representatives Farrington, Maturen, Somerville, Yonker, Howrylak, Chatfield, Glenn, Iden, Webber, Townsend, Clemente, LaVoy, and Byrd.

NAYS: None.

PASS: None.

Representative Maturen offered the following amendments:

1. Amend page 16, line 9, after “means” by striking out the comma and **“EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SUBSECTION,”**.
2. Amend page 16, line 13, after “support” by striking out the period and inserting a comma and **“EXCEPT THAT”**.

Representative Maturen moved to adopt the amendments to HB 4553 (H-1).

The motion prevailed by a vote of 13-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Representatives Farrington, Maturen, Somerville, Yonker, Howrylak, Chatfield, Glenn, Iden, Webber, Townsend, Clemente, LaVoy, and Byrd.

NAYS: None.

PASS: None.

Representative Maturen moved to report HB 4553 as substitute (H-2), with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 13-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Representatives Farrington, Maturen, Somerville, Yonker, Howrylak, Chatfield, Glenn, Iden, Webber, Townsend, Clemente, LaVoy, and Byrd.

NAYS: None.

PASS: None.

Representative Maturen moved to adopt the substitute (H-2) to HB 4554.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 13-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Representatives Farrington, Maturen, Somerville, Yonker, Howrylak, Chatfield, Glenn, Iden, Webber, Townsend, Clemente, LaVoy, and Byrd.

NAYS: None.

PASS: None.

Representative Maturen offered the following amendment:

1. Amend page 2, line 22, after “for” by striking out the balance of the subdivision and inserting **“BOTH OF THE FOLLOWING CIRCUMSTANCES:**

**(i) THE ACTUAL ACQUISITION COST, THE YEAR OF ACQUISITIONS, OR BOTH ARE UNKNOWN.**

**(ii) THE ACTUAL ACQUISITION COST IS NOT DETERMINATIVE OF FAIR MARKET VALUE BECAUSE THE PROPERTY IS IDLE, HAS MATERIAL OBSOLESCENCE, OR IS SURPLUS.”.**

Representative Maturen moved to adopt the amendment to HB 4554 (H-2).

The motion prevailed by a vote of 13-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Representatives Farrington, Maturen, Somerville, Yonker, Howrylak, Chatfield, Glenn, Iden, Webber, Townsend, Clemente, LaVoy, and Byrd.

NAYS: None.

PASS: None.

Representative Maturen moved to report HB 4554 as substitute (H-3), with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 13-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Representatives Farrington, Maturen, Somerville, Yonker, Howrylak, Chatfield, Glenn, Iden, Webber, Townsend, Clemente, LaVoy, and Byrd.

NAYS: None.

PASS: None.

Representative Maturen moved to adopt the substitute (H-2) to HB 4555.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 13-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Representatives Farrington, Maturen, Somerville, Yonker, Howrylak, Chatfield, Glenn, Iden, Webber, Townsend, Clemente, LaVoy, and Byrd.

NAYS: None.

PASS: None.

Representative Maturen offered the following amendment:

1. Amend page 2, line 24, after “for” by striking out the balance of the subdivision and inserting **“BOTH OF THE FOLLOWING CIRCUMSTANCES:**

**(i) THE ACTUAL ACQUISITION COST, THE YEAR OF ACQUISITIONS, OR BOTH ARE UNKNOWN.**

**(ii) THE ACTUAL ACQUISITION COST IS NOT DETERMINATIVE OF FAIR MARKET VALUE BECAUSE THE PROPERTY IS IDLE, HAS MATERIAL OBSOLESCENCE, OR IS SURPLUS.”.**

Representative Maturen moved to adopt the amendment to HB 4555 (H-2).

The motion prevailed by a vote of 13-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Representatives Farrington, Maturen, Somerville, Yonker, Howrylak, Chatfield, Glenn, Iden, Webber, Townsend, Clemente, LaVoy, and Byrd.

NAYS: None.

PASS: None.

Representative Maturen moved to report HB 4555 as substitute (H-3), with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 13-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Representatives Farrington, Maturen, Somerville, Yonker, Howrylak, Chatfield, Glenn, Iden, Webber, Townsend, Clemente, LaVoy, and Byrd.

NAYS: None.

PASS: None.

Representative Maturen moved to report HB 4556, with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 13-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Representatives Farrington, Maturen, Somerville, Yonker, Howrylak, Chatfield, Glenn, Iden, Webber, Townsend, Clemente, LaVoy, and Byrd.

NAYS: None.

PASS: None.

Representative Maturen moved to report HB 4557, with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 13-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Representatives Farrington, Maturen, Somerville, Yonker, Howrylak, Chatfield, Glenn, Iden, Webber, Townsend, Clemente, LaVoy, and Byrd.

NAYS: None.

PASS: None.

Representative Maturen moved to report HB 4558, with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 13-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Representatives Farrington, Maturen, Somerville, Yonker, Howrylak, Chatfield, Glenn, Iden, Webber, Townsend, Clemente, LaVoy, and Byrd.

NAYS: None.

PASS: None.

The Chair laid HB 4461 and HB 4462 before the committee:

HB 4461	(McCready)	Taxation; administration; interest on claim for refunds; modify timeline.
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HB 4462	(Clemente)	Individual income tax; city; timeline for interest on claim for refunds; make consistent with the revenue act.
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Representatives McCready and Clemente introduced their bills to the committee.

Paul Connors, representing the Michigan Department of Treasury, testified in support of the HB 4461 and HB 4462, in concept.

Jason Pucas, representing the Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce, testified in support of HB 4461 and HB 4462

There being no further business before the committee and seeing no objection, the Chair adjourned the meeting, the time being 11:15 a.m.

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Representative Jeff Farrington, Chair

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Date Approved and Signed

Kevin Gawronski  
Committee Clerk  
May 13, 2015  
45 minutes